



## Average Water Use Tally

By filling out this tally sheet, you will learn where you use the most water at home, and you'll find out whether your water use is above or below average.

### Directions:

Use this worksheet to keep track of your own water use for **one day**. You should include all water use for that day, even water used at school, at a friend's house, or in a restaurant. You probably won't perform every task on the chart during the tally.

1. Each time you use water in a way listed on the chart, mark a "1" next to the activity in column B.
2. At the end of the day, add up all of the 1s and write the total in column C.
3. For each activity, multiply the number of times you did that activity during the day, times the gallons of water it uses (column C x column D), and write that number in column E. That is the amount of water that activity used for the entire day.
4. Add up all of the numbers in column E, and write the total on the line at the bottom of the sheet.

A	B	C	D	E
Water Use Task	Times Done (tally)	Total Times Done (add up all of your tally marks ← and write the number here)	Gallons of Water used per time	Gallons of Water used per day (columns C x D)
Flush toilet			6	
Run faucet for 1 minute (waiting for water to get hot or cold)			4	
Take a bath			40	
Take a shower (10 minutes)			70	
Run dishwasher			15	
Wash a load of dishes by hand (without water running)			4	
Wash a load of dishes (with water running)			30	
Wash a car (water off while soaping)			40	
Wash a car (water on while soaping)			180	
Wash a load of clothing (in the washing machine)			40	
Brush teeth with water running			2	
Brush teeth with water off			1	
Drink a glass of water			.25	
Water the lawn (20 minutes)			150	
Wash hands			1	
<b>TOTAL GALLONS OF WATER USED:</b>				



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**Reflection Questions:**

1. Which activity that you did used the **most** water?

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2. In which room of the house was the most water used?

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3. What surprised you about this activity?

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4. What water uses in your house were not included in your water use tally?

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5. Was your average water use more or less than the national average of 50 gallons per person per day?

More     Less

6. What are 3 things you can do to conserve water?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_